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National Retired Teachers Association, and Nelson H. Cruikshank, National Council of Senior Citizens, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Jacqueline Jackson, National Caucus for Black Aged, Durham, N.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### AUTO ECONOMY

*Committee on Commerce:* Committee began hearings on research and development in the field of fuel efficiency in automobiles (S. 307, 449, 633, 654, and 783), receiving testimony from Senator Nelson; John Barnum, Deputy Secretary, accompanied by associates, all of the Department of Transportation; Roger Strelow, Assistant Administrator for Air and Waste Management, accompanied by associates, all of the Environmental Protection Agency; Roger W. Sant, Assistant Administrator for Conservation and Environment, Federal Energy Administration; Ralph Nader, Center for the Study of Responsive Law, accompanied by Clarence Ditlow, Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Henry L. Duncombe, accompanied by Dr. Craig Marks, both representing the General Motors Corp., Detroit; Alan G. Loofbourrow, accompanied by Vic Tomlinson, and Harold Welch, all representing Chrysler Corp., Detroit; Fred Secrest, Ford Motor Co., Detroit; and Donald F. Weeden, Weeden & Co., Inc., New York City.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### TAX REDUCTION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2166, proposed Tax Reduction Act of 1975, after receiving testimony from George Meany, president, AFL-CIO; Budde Krones, National Association of Realtors; Edwin B. Brooks, Jr., U.S. League of Savings Associations; William F. McKenna, National Savings & Loan League; Carl A. Coan, Jr., National Association of Home Builders; and Russell W. Laxson, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth Rosen, Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard University, Cambridge.

Committee will meet in executive session tomorrow to begin markup on this bill.

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Committee on Government Operations:* Committee ordered favorably reported with amendments S. 200, to establish a nonregulatory agency in the executive branch to represent the interests of consumers in Federal agency and court proceedings.

Also, committee reconsidered its action of January 28, 1975, when it ordered favorably reported S. 172, providing an increase in amounts of reimbursable official travel expenses for Federal employees (including an increase from \$25 per day to \$35 per day in basic per diem), agreed to an additional amendment thereto, and again approved the bill for reporting to the Senate.

#### MICRONESIA WORK PROGRAM

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the present status of the public works program in Micronesia, after receiving testimony from the following Senators of Micronesia: Bailey Olter, of Pohnpei; and Pedro Tenorio, of Marianas; the following Members of Congress of Micronesia: Raymond Setik, of Truk; Oscar Rasa, of Marianas; Ataji Balos, of Marshalls; and Kaleb Udui, Legislative Council, Congress of Micronesia; William Penrose, Burke, Va.; Sangkil Lee, Hanil Development Co., Ltd., Agana, Guam; Richard Thorpe, Carlsbad, N. Mex.; and Lawrence Morderosian, Portland, Oreg.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee, in executive session, adopted rules governing committee procedures for the 94th Congress; and ordered favorably reported S. 331, redesignating November 11 of each year as Veterans Day and making such day a legal public holiday.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations:

Donald G. Brotzman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army;

J. Smith Henley, of Arkansas, to be U.S. circuit judge for the eighth circuit;

Donald W. Wyatt, to be U.S. marshal for the District of Rhode Island; and

To be U.S. attorneys as follows: John E. Clark, of Texas, for the western district; William B. Cummings, of Virginia, for the eastern district; and Ralph B. Guy, of Michigan, for the eastern district.

#### BANKRUPTCY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Improvements in Judicial Machinery resumed hearings on bills proposing revisions in the bankruptcy laws (S. 235 and 236), receiving testimony from Walter W. Vaughan, Washington, D.C., and Patrick A. Murphy, San Francisco, both representing the American Bankers Association; Mr. Vaughan and James N. Rice, Boston, both representing the Consumer Bankers Association Task Force on Bankruptcy; and Alvin O. Wiese, Jr., Los Angeles, and Robert B. Norris, Washington, D.C., both representing the National Consumer Finance Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly continued hearings on the effects on competition of voluntary industrial standards and certification programs, receiving testimony from August G. Hebel, Jr., Bonal Machine Co., Detroit; Heinz K.

Meier, Ganis, Inc., Troy, Mich.; and James Magyari, Process Industries, Inc., Melvindale, Mich.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

*Committee on Public Works:* Committee, in an open business meeting, ordered favorably reported S. Res. 69, disapproving the proposed Presidential deferral of budget authority for Federal-aid highway programs (transmitted on September 20, 1974).

#### APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Public Works:* Subcommittee on Economic Development continued hearings to examine the structure and operation of Appalachian regional development programs, receiving testimony from Mayor James Olean, and Richard Barton, city manager, both of Clarksburg, W. Va.; David McDavid, Catlettsburg, Ky., accompanied by David Salisbury, both representing the FIVCO Area Development District; Harold Breazeale, accompanied by Donald Hinson, both representing the South Carolina Appalachia Council of Governments; and Thomas Shelbourne, accompanied by

Howard Grossman, both representing the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE CONTEST

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee received a report concerning contested ballots cast in the 1974 New Hampshire senatorial election contest from the panel composed of three professional committee staff members. This panel will report again to the committee at a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 17.

#### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

*Select Committee on Intelligence Activities:* Committee met, in executive session, to review agreements with the Central Intelligence Agency concerning access of the committee on information needed for the committee's investigation. Also, committee approved additional staff appointments.

Committee will meet again, in closed session, on Wednesday, March 19.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 167 public bills, H.R. 4656-4822; 8 private bills, H.R. 4823-4829; and 22 resolutions, H.J. Res. 307-315, H. Con. Res. 178, and H. Res. 293-304 were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, relative to the reallocation of work-study funds (H. Rept. 94-55); and

H. Res. 304, providing for the consideration of H.R. 25, Surface Mining Act (H. Rept. 94-56).

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**Late Reports:** Committee on Education and Labor received permission to file a report by midnight on H.R. 4221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, relative to the reallocation of work-study funds; and the Committee on Rules received permission to file certain privileged reports by midnight tonight.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 293, electing Representative McHugh as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Appointments:** The Speaker made the following appointments:

*U.S. delegation of the Canada-United States Inter-parliamentary Group:* Representatives Morgan (Chair-

man), Johnson of California, Randall, Stratton, Meeds, Solarz, Collins of Illinois, Cleveland, Horton, McEwen, Winn, and du Pont;

*National Commission for the Review of Federal and State Laws Relating to Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance:* Representatives Kastenmeier, Seiberling, Railsback, and Butler;

*Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:* Representatives Dingell and Conte;

*Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations:* Representatives Fountain, Corman, and Brown of Ohio; and

*United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly:* Representatives Hays (Chairman), Rodino, Brooks, Phillip Burton, Annunzio, Bob Wilson, Broomfield, Latta, and Edwards of Alabama.

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**Subcommittee To Sit:** Subcommittee on Accounts of the Committee on House Administration received permission to sit during proceedings under the 5-minute rule today.

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**Emergency Employment Appropriations:** By a yeand-nay vote of 313 yeas to 113 nays, the House passed H.R. 4481, making emergency employment appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

By a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 315 nays, rejected a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that deletes \$2.168 billion for